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POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 17-00

From: Commander in Chief
To: All SOUTHCOM Personnel

SUBJECT: Extremist Groups

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish a zero tolerance policy regarding active participation in extremist groups.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned to this command.
3. **POLICY:** Active participation in groups that engage in unequal treatment of individuals because of race, creed, color, gender, religion, or national origin is unacceptable. Prohibited activities include demonstrating, rallying, fund-raising, recruiting and training members, or organizing and leading organizations that:
 - a. Espouse supremacist causes;
 - b. Attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, religion, or national origin; or
 - c. Advocate the use of force or violence, or engage in other efforts, to deprive individuals of their civil rights.
4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Commanders and supervisors have the responsibility to ensure that all personnel are briefed on this policy by the chain of command. All personnel are responsible for understanding the policy and knowing that violators are subject to the full range of administrative procedures, including disciplinary actions and separation.
5. This policy is effective immediately.



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